

**Statement of Michael J. Riley
President
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Before
The Joint Committee on Public Health
March 14, 2014**

**Re: A Proposed Amendment to House Bill No. 5530 AN ACT
CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING BULK
WATER HAULERS.**

I am Michael J. Riley, President of Motor Transport Association of Connecticut (MTAC), a statewide trade association, which represents over 800 companies that operate commercial motor vehicles in and through the state of Connecticut. Our membership includes freight haulers, movers of household goods, construction companies, distributors, tank truck operators and hundreds of companies that use trucks in their business and firms that provide goods and services to truck owners.

MTAC supports an amendment to this bill.

Bill No. 5530 came to our attention yesterday and raised some concerns on the part of certain of our members who haul water used to fill swimming pools.

It appears that the bill's intent is to assure that potable water, intended for human consumption, is transported in responsible ways that do not compromise the quality of water. We have no problem, if that is all that the bill does.

However, there are many instances when water may be transported for purposes not intended for human consumption. We have a few members who transport water for swimming pools, construction companies use water to keep dust down on projects, and farmers regularly transport water for use



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in irrigation, feeding of livestock and for other reasons. Some fire trucks are in fact water transporters.

We do not see any value in requiring an additional license to haul water for these purposes.

In conclusion, we think that the scope of the bill as written is too broad. Therefore, we request that the be redrafted to more narrowly focus on the transportation of water for human consumption or amended to exempt swimming pool water, agricultural water, water carried in fire apparatus and perhaps other uses.

Thank you.

If additional information is required of me, please call my cell phone 860-402-4542.

